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TAGS: PGOV, MOPS, WB, US, UR, GE

SUBJECT: DELAY OF US DUTY TRAIN

1. INBOUND US MILITARY TRAIN FROM FRANKFURT SEPTEMBER 5  
ARRIVED BERLIN 3 HOURS 56 MINUTES LATE. WHEN TRAIN  
ENTERED GENTHIN STATION FOR SCHEDULED STOP, ENGINEER  
APPARENTLY RAN PAST RED SIGNAL. CONTROL TOWER NOTIFIED  
REICHSBAHN OFFICIALS WHO CONDUCTED ON SPOT INVESTIGATION  
AND REMOVED ENGINEER AND HIS ASSISTANT AND REPLACED THEM  
WITH NEW CREW. TOTAL DELAY FOR INVESTIGATION AND CREW  
REPLACEMENT WAS APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS, BUT ANOTHER  
HOUR WAS LOST AT GENTHIN AND EN ROUTE BERLIN APPARENTLY  
DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN GETTING TRACK CLEARANCES AT TIMES  
SO FAR OFF SCHEDULE.

2. WE REGARD DELAY AS OPERATIONAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL. WHILE  
WE BELIEVE REICHSBAHN OFFICIALS SHOULD ENFORCE SAFETY  
REGULATIONS EVEN WHEN ALLIED TRAINS INVOLVED, HOWEVER,  
WE DO NOT THINK THAT WE CAN LET SUCH LONG DELAY PASS  
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UNREMARKED AND BELIEVE THAT REICHSBAHN COULD HAVE MADE BETTER

EFFORT TO CLEAR OUR TRAIN ONCE CREW REPLACED. ACCORDINGLY,  
COMMANDER OF US DETACHMENT AT HELMSTEDT WILL MAKE LOW-KEY  
COMPLAINT TO SOVIET CHECKPOINT COMMANDER.

3. USCOB CONCURS.SELIGMANN

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